

MINUTES OF RIVER REJUVENATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 28.3.2025

A meeting was convened through hybrid mode (Both physical presence and through video conferencing) on 28.3.2025 of River Rejuvenation Committee along with the officials of Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC), Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) to discuss about the compliance of the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.01.2025 in OA No. 91 of 2024 {Earlier OA No. 322 of 2024 (PB)} in the Suo Moto matter in re: News item appearing in The Hindustan Times dated 26.02.2024 Titled "Pavana River enters 'priority 1' category due to increase in pollution". The matter is related to increasing the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in the Pavana River. The list of attendees is enclosed.

Member Secretary MPCB and Member Convener of river rejuvenation committee (RRC) briefed about the previous orders of the Hon'ble NGT and the status of compliance made by MPCB, PCMC and PMRDA. He also briefed about the Hon'ble NGT orders dated 27/08/2024 and 06/11/2024, wherein the Hon'ble NGT directed to submit details about action taken i.e. status of submission of action plan by RRC, (constituted in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT (PB) dated 20/09/2018, para 60, in the matter of OA No. 673 of 2018), which is being steered under the supervision of Principal Secretary, Environment of the concerned State/UT for preparation of action plans and to monitor the implementation of action plans w.r.t polluted rivers and stretches.

He further briefed that Honourable NGT in its order dated 7.1.2025 stated that committee should convene a meeting of the authorities concerned in the present case as well as and after through consideration and consultation, may lay down the timeline for carrying out the action plan along with source of funding and submit a report to Honourable NGT.

Action plan (along with the timelines) for Pawana River is prepared, as submitted by the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) constituted by the Govt. of Maharashtra Government (vide G.R. issued by the Environment Dept. GoM vide No. NGT 2018/PC-2/TC-3 dtd.13/12/2018).

As the timeline for completion of the work stated in action plan is already over, hence new timelines for completion of work has to be submitted to Honourable NGT.

Power point Presentation was made before the committee. It was informed to committee that at present there is generation of 384 MLD sewage from the corporation area of PCMC. PCMC has installed 19 STP of total 376 MLD capacity. Presently about 330 MLD of sewage is treated in these 19 STP's. Thus 54 MLD of untreated sewage is discharged from PCMC into Pawana river and other rivers.

Along the Pawana River Bank, there are existing 13 number of operational STP's along Pawana River bank. Names of these 13 STP are as further:- 1)Akurdi, 2)Ravet,3) Chinchwad Phase I (Bhatnagar), 4) Chinchwad Phase II, 5) Kasarwadi I, 6) Kasarwadi II, 7) Kasarwadi III, 8)Sangvi Phase I, 9) Sangvi Phase II (Dapodi),10)

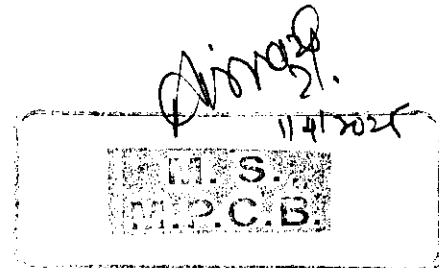
Walhekarwadi STP, 11) Keshav Nagar STP, 12) Bhosari Garden STP, 13) Survey No. 217 Bhosari STP.

The treatment capacity of above 13 STP is 280 MLD, STP utilization capacity is 260.01 MLD. Thus there is a gap of about 20 MLD sewage, which is discharged into Pawana River.

It was informed to committee that 20 MLD STP at Pimpri, 40 MLD STP at Tathawade (Phase -2), 50 MLD STP at Punawale is proposed by PCMC but there timelines are neither submitted to MPCB nor to RRC.

As most of the action points related to the Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation are still under implementation stage. The timelines as specified in the approved action plan for Pawana River of 2019 is already over especially w.r.t. provision of STP's, to stop the discharge of untreated sewage into Pawana River; installation of in-situ nallah cleanup system so as to stop discharge of untreated sewage to the Pawana River and upgradation of existing STPs to meet the prescribed discharge standards of 10 mg/l. Officials of PMRDA & PCMC who were present online for this meeting, were not able to give the information properly. Hon'ble Principal Secretary (Environment & CC) expressed displeasure about the non attendance by Senior Officers who are responsible for policy & implementation of these projects and directed PCMC & PMRDA to submit the information regarding the timelines for proposed STP's by 1st April 2025.

The meeting ended with the thanks to the chair.



Attendance

RRC Meeting date 28.03.2025

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